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THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE SIC8 February 1952
1000 Hours
Room 2519
"M" BuildingMEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, CIA (Chairman)	Col. John G. Erikson, Air Force
Dr. Louis F. Woodruff, Army	Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, AEC
Cdr. Carl L. Gilbert, Navy	Mr. A. Sidney Buford, III, State

OTHERS PRESENTLt. Cdr. Robert W. Gillette, Navy
Lt. Col. Teberg, Air Force
Mr. Charles F. Zimmerman, Air Force

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Col. John R. Tolman, JCS

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(Secretary)

ITEM 4 - Elimination of Duplication of Effort

The Army member presented a written statement (TAB A) for the "Consideration of Appropriate Action to Eliminate Unnecessary Duplication of Effort Between Working Committees Under SIC and Working Groups Under the Joint Technical Intelligence Subcommittee of JIC Particularly in the Fields of Guided Missiles, Chemical Warfare, Biological Warfare and Military Electronics," and moved that the recommendation be adopted.

ACTION

State, AEC, and CIA representatives desired further time to study the statement. It was therefore agreed that action would be deferred until a special meeting called for Wednesday, 20 February 1952.

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TAB A

CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY
DUPLICATION OF EFFORT BETWEEN WORKING COMMITTEES UNDER SIC
AND WORKING GROUPS UNDER THE JOINT TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE
AND SUBCOMMITTEE OF JIC PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF GUIDED
MISSILES, CHEMICAL WARFARE, BIOLOGICAL WARFARE AND MILITARY
ELECTRONICS

Facts Bearing on the Problem

1. The National Security Act of 1947, which establishes CIA, is by the wording of its title "An act....for the coordination of the activities of the National Military Establishment with other departments and agencies of the Government concerned with the national security."
2. In Sec. 102 of the Act, lines 6-8 of para (d)(3), page 4, it is "Provided further, That the departments and other agencies of the Government shall continue to collect, evaluate, correlate, and disseminate departmental intelligence...."
3. In SIC 3/22, Tab A, adopted unanimously by SIC on 10 May 1951, it is stated (page 1, para 3, lines 1-5): "...The subcommittees are generally organized in regard to end items,....whereas experience has proven that in general the important substantive problems of scientific intelligence spread across a broad base of knowledge which transcends the narrower interests of the various specialist groups within the IAC agencies."
4. The following motion was passed unanimously by SIC (SIC 3/22, Tab A, page 1, para 5); "As a general rule the SIC considers that its subcommittees should operate on an ad-hoc rather than a standing basis, and be charged by the SIC with the solution of definite problems posed to them by the SIC, rather than being responsible for themselves developing the projects on which they work. Exceptions to this general rule will be the JAEIC, and other subcommittees as shall be from time to time selected by the SIC."
5. Pursuant to the approval of the recommendations in para 1 of JIC 76/45, the Joint Technical Intelligence Subcommittee (JTIS) was established as a special subcommittee of the Joint Intelligence Committee. (Ref. JIC Info Memo 289 dated 28 November 1951.) Working Groups presently established and operating under JTIS include the following: Guided Missiles Working Group, Chemical Warfare Working Group, Biological Warfare Working Group, Military Electronics Working Group, Antiaircraft Artillery Working Group, and Markings & Nameplate Analysis Working Group. The first four of the Working Groups named above have counterparts in SIC working committees; namely JGMIC, JCWIC, JBWIC AND JEIC. The functioning of two sets of committees on these subjects creates unnecessary duplication of effort.

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6. Liaison between CIA and the JTIS Working Groups has been provided for by invitation extended by letter from the chairman of JTIS to CIA, to appoint an observer accredited to each of the Working Groups. Opportunity for continual contact with work in progress is thus afforded, in addition to receipt of formal reports from the Working Groups or from JTIS, which will be available to CIA as a matter of course.

Discussion

7. The Working Groups under JTIS deal with intelligence on the technical aspects of military materiel, weapons and weapons systems, clearly within the province of the Department of Defense.

8. The wording of the National Security Act of 1947, and the action of the Joint Intelligence Committee in setting up JTIS with its Working Groups, indicate that it is the responsibility and intention of the three Service intelligence agencies to produce and coordinate among themselves intelligence on military materiel, weapons and weapons systems.

9. Duplicate working committees now exist in the fields of guided missiles, chemical warfare, biological warfare and military electronics.

Conclusions

10. Undesirable duplication should be eliminated by the dissolution of the following SIC Working Committees: JGMIC, JCWIC, JEWIC and JEIC.

Recommendations

11. It is recommended: That SIC approve and recommend to the IAC the dissolution of the JGMIC, JCWIC, JEWIC and JEIC.

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